

Pointfree functors

This chapter is based on [29].

This is a routine chapter. There is almost nothing creative here. I just generalize theorems about functors to the maximum extent for *pointfree functors* (defined below) preserving the proof idea. The main idea behind this chapter is to find the weakest theorem conditions enough for the same theorem statement as for above theorems for functors.

For those who know pointfree topology: Pointfree topology notions of frames and locales is a non-trivial generalization of topological spaces. Pointfree functors are different: I just replace the set of filters on a set with an arbitrary poset, this readily gives the definition of *pointfree functor*, almost no need of creativity here.

Pointfree functors are used in the below definitions of products of functors.

19.1. Definition

DEFINITION 1486. *Pointfree functor* is a quadruple $(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}, \alpha, \beta)$ where \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} are posets, $\alpha \in \mathfrak{B}^{\mathfrak{A}}$ and $\beta \in \mathfrak{A}^{\mathfrak{B}}$ such that

$$\forall x \in \mathfrak{A}, y \in \mathfrak{B} : (y \not\prec \alpha x \Leftrightarrow x \not\prec \beta y).$$

DEFINITION 1487. The *source* $\text{Src}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}, \alpha, \beta) = \mathfrak{A}$ and *destination* $\text{Dst}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}, \alpha, \beta) = \mathfrak{B}$ for every pointfree functor $(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}, \alpha, \beta)$.

To every functor (A, B, α, β) corresponds pointfree functor $(\mathcal{P}A, \mathcal{P}B, \alpha, \beta)$. Thus pointfree functors are a generalization of functors.

DEFINITION 1488. I will denote $\text{pFCD}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$ the set of pointfree functors from \mathfrak{A} to \mathfrak{B} (that is with source \mathfrak{A} and destination \mathfrak{B}), for every posets \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} .

$$\langle (\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}, \alpha, \beta) \rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \alpha \text{ for every pointfree functor } (\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}, \alpha, \beta).$$

DEFINITION 1489. $(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}, \alpha, \beta)^{-1} = (\mathfrak{B}, \mathfrak{A}, \beta, \alpha)$ for every pointfree functor $(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}, \alpha, \beta)$.

PROPOSITION 1490. If f is a pointfree functor then f^{-1} is also a pointfree functor.

PROOF. It follows from symmetry in the definition of pointfree functor. \square

OBVIOUS 1491. $(f^{-1})^{-1} = f$ for every pointfree functor f .

DEFINITION 1492. The relation $[f] \in \mathcal{P}(\text{Src } f \times \text{Dst } f)$ is defined by the formula (for every pointfree functor f and $x \in \text{Src } f, y \in \text{Dst } f$)

$$x [f] y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} y \not\prec \langle f \rangle x.$$

OBVIOUS 1493. $x [f] y \Leftrightarrow y \not\prec \langle f \rangle x \Leftrightarrow x \not\prec \langle f^{-1} \rangle y$ for every pointfree functor f and $x \in \text{Src } f, y \in \text{Dst } f$.

OBVIOUS 1494. $[f^{-1}] = [f]^{-1}$ for every pointfree functor f .

THEOREM 1495. Let \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} be posets. Then: